College 101

When Knowing More Can Make the Difference

Getting Started

History of the US

Speech

Psychology

Spanish

Programming in C++

Biology

Accounting 101

Art

Algebra

Deciding

Determine Your Objective

Goal Achievement

Topics

- Diploma Mills
- Accreditation
- Types of Post-Secondary Institutions
- Degree Descriptions
- Bachelor Degree Requirements
- Calculating Your Grade Point Average
- Education pays
- Unemployment rates & median weekly earnings by education level

Diploma Mills

- **Sell worthless degrees**

- Big business
- Often no physical campus or buildings
- Boast of accreditation BUT NOT accredited
- Advertise degrees with few or no courses required
- For more information go to: http://www.contextmag.com/ Select “Achieves” on bottom of page, Select Aug/Sep 2001 & Select Degree ‘R’ Us or http://chronicle.com/free/v47/i28/28a03401.htm

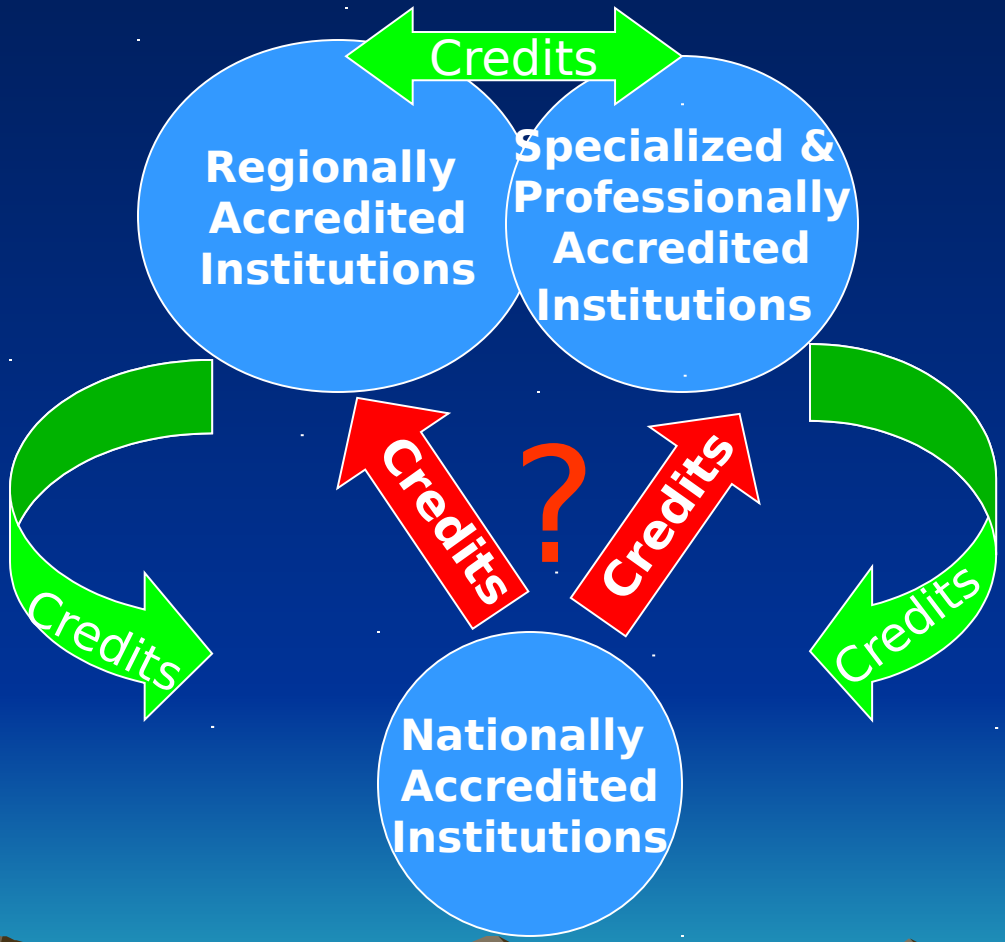
It’s Not Worth It!

- “No Diploma? No Problem. Online Diploma Mills will (sell degrees) to anyone, giving new meaning to a B.S.” writes Arnie Cooper in the Aug/Sep 2001 edition of Context Magazine.
- Most people who respond to the ads are desperate, usually because they need a degree for a job or promotion.
- Some don’t realize it’s a bogus school
- Employers find out and some individuals have gone to jail for their dishonesty.
- BE CAREFUL!

Accreditation

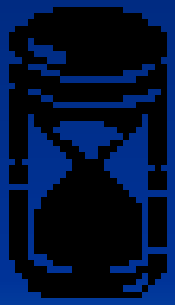
- US Department of Education formally recognizes accrediting commissions that meet all federal standards
- Not all schools are accredited
- Not all accreditations are equal

Accreditation



Why Should I Care About Accreditation?

Other Accreditation



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Regional or Specialized

Accreditation

To check on a specific school, go to:

http://www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.as

Types of Post-Secondary Schools

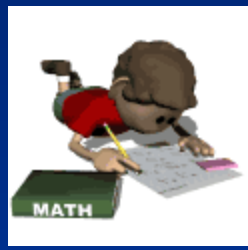
- Vocational Technical, Business, & Trade Schools
- Two-Year Community Colleges
- Four-Year Colleges and Universities

Vocational Technical, Business & Trade Schools

- Typically open to all students who apply
- Can be private or public
- Offer a wide variety of training such as construction trades, cosmetology and barbering, and commercial truck driving
- Training can last from a few weeks to several years

Two-Year Community Colleges

- Open to everyone with a high school diploma or a GED
- Public schools specializing in liberal arts and specialized job training
- Help students enhance current skills and abilities
- Prepare students for employment after graduation or for transfer to a four-year institution

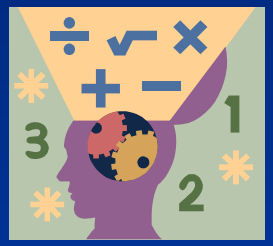


Four Year Colleges & Universities

- More selective in accepting students
- May be public or private
- Offer a wide variety of courses and degrees
- Generally more expensive than two-year schools

Placement Testing

- English
- Math
- Reading



On-Line Courses

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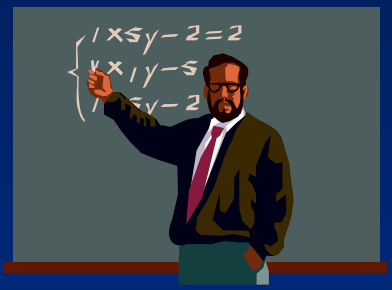
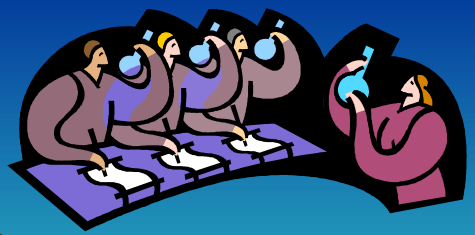
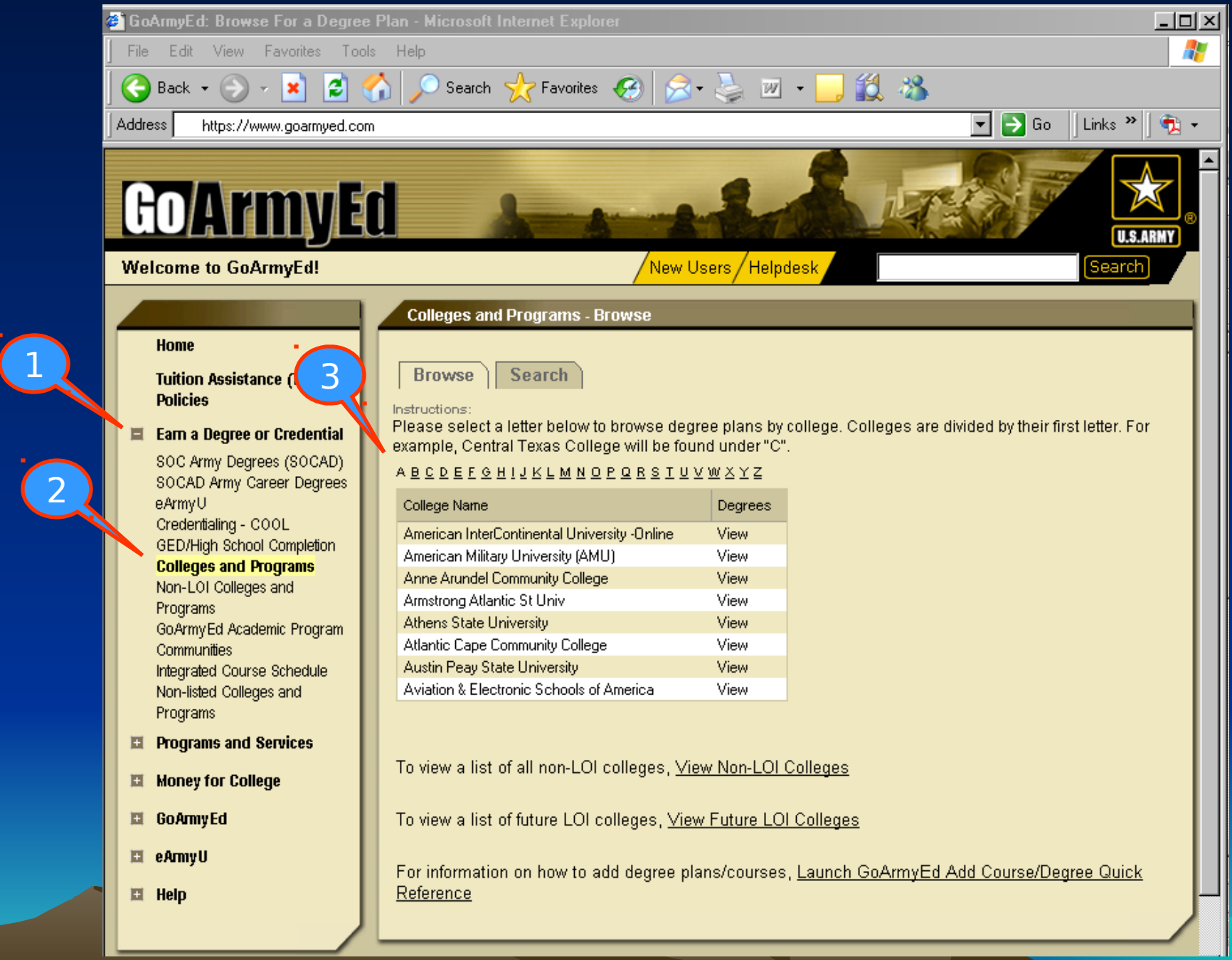
- Require
  - Computer access
  - Personal discipline
  - On-line interactions
  - More effort than traditional class
- Offer
  - Greater flexibility
  - Convenience (if asynchronous)

Traditional Classes

- Pros
  - Immediate feedback
  - Class discussions
  - Face-to-face student interaction
  - Better for less disciplined students
- Cons
  - Class meets at scheduled days & time (synchronous)



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Selecting a Course

- Take a required course such as English or math
- Take an introductory course in a subject that interests you such as history, art, psychology, political science, or music

Bachelor Degree Requirements

Calculating A Grade Point Average (GPA)

Letter Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Points Earned	4	3	2	1	0

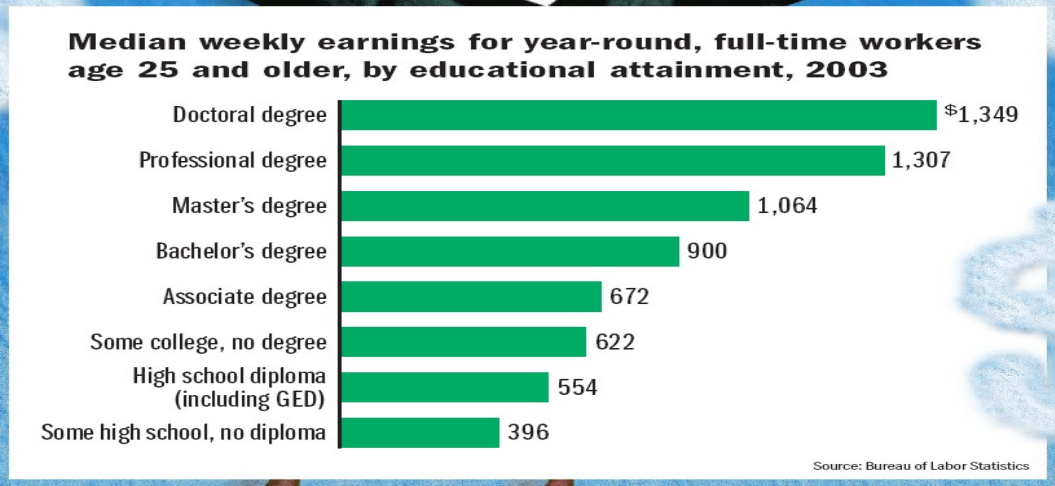
Course	Credits	Grade	Totals
1	3	A (4)	12
2	4	C (2)	8
3	3	B (3)	9
4	3	F(0)	0
TOTALS	13		29

GPA = 2.23

Why GPA Matters

- If your GPA for Army tuition assistance funded classes falls below 2.0 you must self-fund additional courses until your GPA is at least 2.0
- You must have a GPA of at least 2.0 to graduate
- Higher GPAs are important for future employment opportunities and graduate degree program admission

Education pays



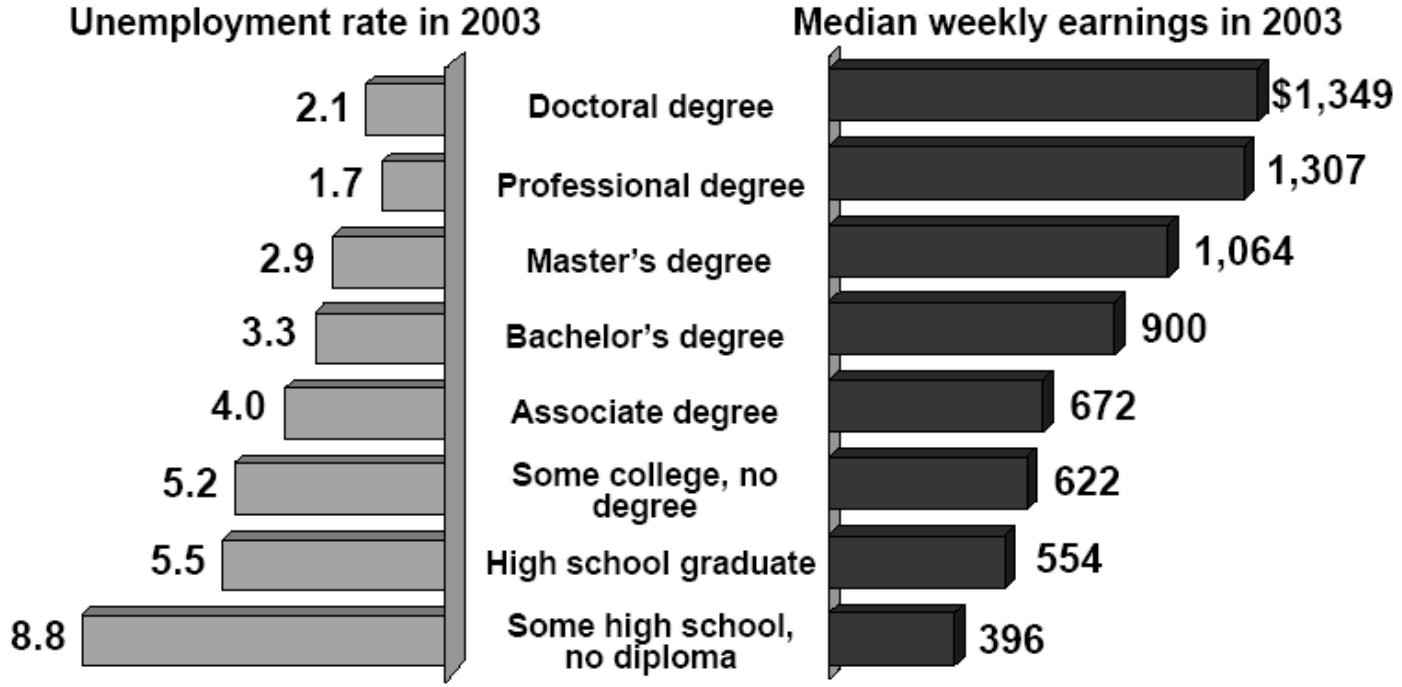
Explore your career options with...

Occupational Outlook Handbook

http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm

Education and training pays

Bureau of Labor Statistics



NOTES: Unemployment and earnings for workers 25 and older, by educational attainment; earnings for full-time wage and salary workers

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

What's Next?

- Talk with an Army Education Counselor about your academic goals, degree plan, and related questions
- Take placement exams from school you plan to attend
- Complete the soldier training on CTAM at the following web address: https://www.earmyu.com/Login.aspx

Believe in Yourself

“Whether you think you can

Or think you can’t

You’re Right !”

Quote by Henry Ford